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1. The single-track Szeged-Bekescsaba railroad line northeast of Szeged is 50 to 60 percent below standard efficiency and has a speed limit of 60 km/h. The destroyed railroad bridge near Algyoe, north-northeast of Szeged, was reconstructed as a railroad and road bridge in 1950. Traffic on this bridge directed by police since it is not suited for simultaneous rail and vehicular traffic.
2. The railroad line from Szeged to Ketegyhaza northeast of Szeged and southwest of Gyula is single-track. The bridge across the Theiss River near Szeged, which was destroyed during the war, has not yet been reconstructed. The line is 30 percent below standard efficiency and trains may operate on it at speeds of up to 70 km/h.
3. The line from Szeged to Vedreshaza southeast of Szeged is single track and 60 percent below standard efficiency. Only small locomotives can operate on it. The Szeged-Vedreshaza section of the line is in particularly poor shape.
4. The single track line from Szeged to Subotica in Yugoslavia is 30 percent below standard efficiency. *
5. [redacted] told source that a marshaling yard with a large loading ramp and 30 to 36 tracks was completed in 1950 about 1 km distant from the Bekescsaba railroad station, probably between Bekescsaba and Loekocshaza.
6. The reconstruction of the highway bridge, across the Theiss River in Szeged which was destroyed during the war, was completed on 24 March 1951. It is called the Rakosi Matyas Bridge.
7. Locomotives assigned to the Szeged regional railroad head-quarters include:

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3 shunting locomotives	[REDACTED]	25X1
approximately 10 freight train locomotives	[REDACTED]	25X1
approximately 10 freight train locomotives	[REDACTED]	
approximately 20 passenger train locomotives	[REDACTED]	25X1
approximately 5 freight train locomotives	[REDACTED]	25X1
approximately 12 express train locomotives	[REDACTED]	

approximate Total: 65 locomotives.

The locomotive equipment was adequate to handle all railroad operations smoothly.

3. Rolling stock assigned to the Szeged regional railroad headquarters included approximately 500 passenger cars, 200 express coaches and 3,000 freight cars of various sizes and types. This number of cars was adequate. The cars were in good condition. **

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[REDACTED] Comment. The statement on the number of tracks on the railroad lines mentioned agrees with available information.

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[REDACTED] Comment. It is hardly credible that source should know the number of freight cars assigned to a specific railroad district since this number varies continually. It is believed that source gave only a personal estimate based on the number of trains operating and/or the number of cars loaded daily.

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